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AND MATERIALS AND METHOD  
FOR CONDUCTING THE SAME

Attorney Docket No. UNVN 69827

Examiner: John A. Jeffrey

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Dear Sir:

I, Sherif Yehia, hereby declare as follows:

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2. Christopher Tuan, Lim Nguyen, Bing Chen and I are the named inventors on U.S. Application Serial No. 09/890,445, filed on July 30, 2001.
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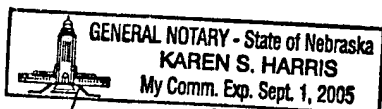
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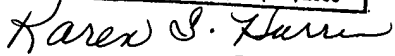
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Christopher Tuan

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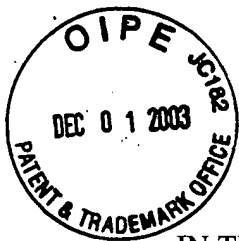
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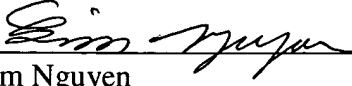
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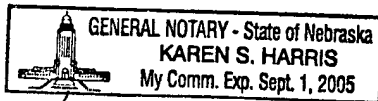
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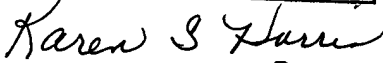


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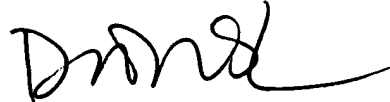
  
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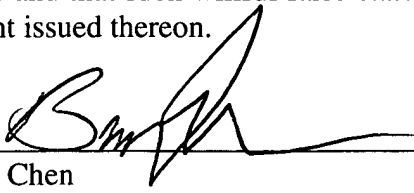
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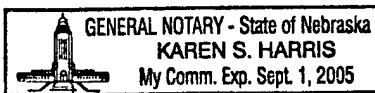
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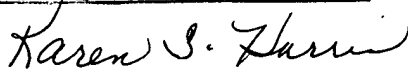
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